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SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

PLEASE PASS TO H. BIRD, ORTHODIX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 7401 OLD  
YORK RD, PHILA, PA. 19126. TEL 215 224-1883 OR 215 635-0700.

1. REV. JOHN MASON OF AMERICAN EVANGELICAL MISSION IN GHINDA HAS  
REQUESTED CONGEN TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE CONCERNING HIS  
SITUATION AND THAT OF HIS MISSION, WHICH INCLUDES TWO AMCITS.  
WE ARE ANXIOUS TO FACILITATE THIS COMMUNICATION IN THE  
EXPECTATION THAT HIS ORGANIZATION MAY DECIDE TO CLOSE THEIR  
OPERATION IN GHINDA AND WITHDRAW THE TWO AMERICANS FROM THIS

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EXPOSED SITUATION. TEXT OF MESSAGE AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE GREETINGS IN OUR SAVIOR. THIS FOLLOWS OUR CALL. IF  
NEED BE YOU CAN REPLY BY THIS ROUTE TOO.

THE MURDER IS ONLY AN INSTANCE OF GENERAL DISORDER; THUS  
WE ARE IN NO SPECIFIC DANGER.

SEDAO'S VEHICLE WAS DESTROYED BY A LAND MINE ON THE  
ROAD TO FERROVIA FEB 24. AND TWO DIED.

THE LOCAL PAPER CONTINUES YET STRONGER MARXIST LINES. ONE  
SABBATH MEETING WAS DISRUPTED IN ASMARA.

THE AMERICAN CONSULATE CONSIDERS IT UNWISE TO SEND ANY  
AMERICANS WITH DEPENDENTS TO ERITREA, ON GROUNDS OF GENERAL  
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THREAT TO AMERICANS AND STATED POLICY OF THE INSURGENTS.

THEY HAVE TAKEN PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR AMERICAN GOVERNMENT  
EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING SENDING DEPENDENTS HOME. TO ALL  
OTHER AMERICANS THEY ADVISE "SERIOUS REASSESSMENT"  
CONCERNING "ONE'S NECESSITY TO ONE'S ASSIGNMENT AND THE  
NECESSITY OF THE ASSIGNMENT ITSELF." I WOULD ONLY CONFIRM  
THE REMARKS OF THE TELEPHONE, THAT THE SITUATION WILL  
CONTINUE UGLY A LONG TIME; YOU SHOULD NOT UNDERESTIMATE

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THE IMPORTANCE OF OSMAN'S WORK; WE ARE PESSIMISTIC;  
BUT ALSO, IT ATTACKS OUR HEART, SINCE HE WAS ONE OF US.

/S/ JOHN MASON UNQUOTE.

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